

## New long-term care spaces benefit Calgary families

Oct. 13, 2016

Construction is scheduled to begin next month on 78 new long-term care beds at Wing Kei Greenview Phase II. Following a thorough review of the Alberta Supportive Living Initiative (ASLI) program, this is triple the number of long-term care spaces originally planned for this project.

The province is providing \$5 million to the Chinese Christian Wing Kei Nursing Home Association through ASLI, a capital grant program to support long-term care and dementia spaces in Alberta.

"Providing long-term care close to home is key to helping Alberta seniors continue to live near family, friends and community supports. Our government is pleased to partner with Wing Kei on this project – one that will provide a higher level of care than originally planned as we work to meet our commitment to greater long-term care for Albertans." - *Brandy Payne, Associate Minister of Health* 

"Thank you to the Alberta government for supporting senior care services. Wing Kei is committed to complete the construction and occupancy of Wing Kei Greenview Phase II in 2018." - Vincent Leung, board chair, Wing Kei

"As construction begins on this project, it's very good news for families. The care my mom is receiving at Wing Kei provides much relief for our family. Her health has improved, especially after she has developed routines in taking medication and daily help with her meals." *-Elsie Sze, family member of Wing Kei resident* 

The original ASLI agreement for Wing Kei Greenview Phase II was for 24 long-term care beds, 18 supportive living 4 dementia beds and 36 supportive living 4 beds. After a review was initiated by government, the grant agreement was amended to provide 78 spaces at a higher level of care.

The Government of Alberta has earmarked \$365 million as part of its commitment to build 2,000 long-term care and dementia spaces in the next four years.

## Related information

Affordable Supportive Living Initiative

## **Media inquiries**

Laura Ehrkamp <u>laura.ehrkamp@gov.ab.ca</u> 780-721-9795 Press Secretary, Alberta Health

Samantha Yang samanthayang@wingkei.org 403-510-8533 Events & Communications Manager, Wing Kei